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Colby Era Ends for Greatest Intelligence Organization

An era comes to an end with the departure of William Egan Colby (Burlington H.S. '36; Princeton, BA, '40; Columbia, LLB, '47) from the greatest intelligence organization in the world.

Mr. Colby, as is his wont, had nothing to say in the *Daily* either on the subject of his career or his departure. His aides, close mouthed as usual, said naught.

The White House also declined to say anything, merely insisting again that if it was anyone's day, it was President Ford's.

Dr. Kissinger and Dr. Schlesinger, two old cronies, had kind words for their departing colleague. The former remarked, that "Colby is a good man, but now that he is gone I hope we can expand the *Daily* to eight pages."

Dr. Schlesinger remarked that now with Colby gone he will be putting in his subscription request for the *Daily* via freedom of information channels.

One old-timer, who was once a power at Langley, expanded a bit on the "eventful years" under Colby. "However you may have regarded his predecessors," he grimaced, "you have to admit that it was under Colby that the CIA became a household word." He preferred not to say what that word was.

A young Agency analyst said that with the departure he hoped he would be able to pick up Colby's fine parking space near the water tower in the West lot.

Congressperson Abzug told reporters yesterday that she was sorry to see Colby leave. She noted that the organization over which he presided had taken an interest in her years before anyone else. "Any Agency that could recognize me as a comer cannot be all bad," the Congressperson said. She went on to lament the fact that she and Colby had begun to work together only recently. "If

it had been sooner, the Agency would not be in the mess it is."

A. Warhol revealed to a friend the other day that the Agency had asked him to come down and paint a portrait in the modern style of some guy named Colby. Warhol said he had his doubts, especially when they wouldn't let him in the building.

Similarly Laudatory

The reaction from abroad was generally laudatory, whether of Colby or of his departure. *L'Observateur Romano* quoted Vatican sources as saying the Pope is always happy to see one of his sheep come in from out of the cold.

Indira Gandhi told the Indian Parliament that it was "no coincidence" that Colby was being replaced by a man who had spent the past two years in Peking. "What further proof do you need," she asked, "that China is behind the sinister design of external forces to destabilize India?"

She promised to use all her powers, especially her emergency powers, to protect her democratic principles of one-person rule.

Qadhafi of Libya has ordered his in-

telligence chief to prepare a psychiatric assessment of the Agency's old and new directors. Qadhafi said he finds the behavior of American leaders baffling, noting that their actions are often erratic, mercurial, reckless, and even at times fanatic. The chief has suggested that they can be understood if one recognizes they are in the "mid-life crisis."

Colby's counterparts abroad were, to a man, bemused by Colby's unique three-month tenure as the lame duck director of a major competitor. They were sure that this unprecedented experiment had implications for them all, but none was sure what the implications were. Several agreed to talk on the record to the *Daily*'s inquiring reporter.

M of MI-6: "You American chaps never learn. We always thought with our brains and your money, Britain would rule the roost. We devoted a lot of time and a lot of talent to trying to bring you up to standard, but you simply do not appreciate that the old ways are the best."

S of SDECE: "You expect me to believe that Colby is really leaving the old firm? Pardon, but not on your life. It is all (See Colby...Page 2)

Press Calls Modest Law Office Massive 'Deep Cover' Scheme



Construction proceeds on Colby law office

President Ford's announcement that CIA Director William E. Colby will soon be leaving the Agency to return to private law practice has touched off an investigation by the nation's press.

Our sources have learned that within the next few days the press will print charges that Colby's departure is a massive plot arranged by the Agency as a smoke screen for Colby's new assignment as a deep cover agent.

The press apparently tumbled to the plan, which is described as "vast and massive," when reporters from the *Daily Princetonian* checked into construction

progress on Colby's new law offices in suburban New Jersey.

The press suspects that the facility goes somewhat beyond the needs of a lawyer hanging out his shingle.

Colby, in an unusual move, has refused to return the calls of reporters on the matter. An official Agency spokesman says the allegations are "pure poppycock" and "obviously the ravings of paranoids."

The spokesman said—not for attribution and on deep background—that as far as he knew, Colby's only assured client to date is one S. Hersh, who was apprehended by police while surveilling a well-known intelligence analyst, O. Pike.

The charges concerning Colby's departure are expected to launch 335 Congressional investigations.

Gonomor Deplorer Seeks von Pluckett

The highly-touted research blimp, the Gonomor Deplorer, is in fact the key-stone of a CIA effort to locate and recover a German zeppelin, the K. von Pluckett, which has been missing since 1904.

The Deplorer was developed by the Maxima Corporation, a Division of Huge Airbag Co. The Deplorer's announced mission was to recover industrial waste particles from the air for recycling into solid trash.

Congressional sources have revealed that the CIA covertly paid for and developed the \$100 Deplorer to aid in an intensive search for the Pluckett, which Agency analysts believe contained revolutionary new hot airbag features.

Director Fulfills Dream Concept Conceived by Former Chief, FE

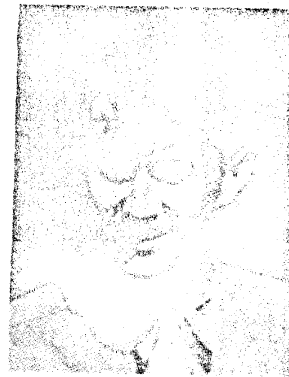
One day in 1965 the Chief, Far East Division in the Plans Directorate, wrote a memo to the Director of Current Intelligence, noting that President Johnson was a great newspaper reader and that DCI might consider issuing its daily product as an "intelligence newspaper."

Rumors have it that the same Chief, FE—then a promising young operations officer—had tried the same idea out one morning many years earlier, while one Allen Dulles was tending to his toilet. Chief, FE had surfaced the concept to every succeeding DCI—generally in tactically better circumstances than with Mr. Dulles.

There is no record of the reaction of Mr. Dulles or the other DCIs, but the response in 1965 was archtypically bureaucratic. The idea was obviously nonsensical, but, on the outside chance that a Chief, FE would go far in the intelligence world, it would never do to appear negative. The bureaucratic solution: try but not very hard.

Accordingly, an officer of some ingenuity was assigned to the project. He gave it a good try; in fact, he became persuaded of its desirability. By the fall of 1965, he had created a mock-up of such a newspaper.

The officer's enthusiasm, however,



W. Colby, after suggesting establishment of National Intelligence Daily in 1945 meeting with OSS head Donovan

could not overcome, and it was eventually concluded that security and technological barriers were unsurmountable. A memorandum to this effect was dispatched to the Chief, FE with the mock-up attached as evidence of good faith.

In late spring of 1973, the same onetime Chief, FE—in a private and closely-held discussion with himself in his closet—finally convinced a DCI that a *Daily* should be established. The DCI then summoned the Director of Current Intelligence to his office.

After accepting congratulations on his appointment, not 24 hours old, the DCI drew from his safe the mock-up of 1965. "This was a good idea eight years ago," he said, "it's a good idea now, I still want it, and now I can have it."

The D/OCI's eyes were opened. He immediately perceived that this was precisely what the national security apparatus needed. Indeed, he realized that an intelligence newspaper was about the best idea to come down the pike in many years. And in that moment of blinding inspiration, this publication was born.

Furor over Colby Splits Chinese

In China, controversy over the Colby departure has split the leadership and threatens to engulf the country in yet another ideological struggle. One powerful faction accuses unnamed party and government functionaries of having "lost" Angola through their failure to "ride the great green wave" of the effort to save Angola from Soviet hegemony.

The Colby controversy has rekindled enmities from the anti-Confucius campaign of 1974 and the criticism of Colby of 1966-69, with Teng Hsiao-ping and Mao's wife, Chiang Ching, emerging as

the principal antagonists.

There are those who equate Colby's experience on the Hill over the last year with Teng's ordeal during the cultural revolution. These theorists see the release of the Soviet helicopter pilots as a sign that Colby's fortunes will improve. Those who hold to this view point out that the only other purpose accomplished in the release was to befuddle Western analysts.

Curiously, the official who reportedly proposed the idea of Colby's methods seems to be staying out of the (See Furor...Page 2)

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DIA Publishes DIN Re DIR/CIA; Notes DIA, NCA Support of NI

Mr. William E. Colby, Director (DIR) of Central Intelligence (CI) is reported to be leaving his post.

As DIR/CI, Mr. Colby is Chairman (Chmn) of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB). USIB is a body consisting of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

and a number of other agencies. It meets weekly at a secret location in Northern Virginia (NVA), and is assessed to be generally supportive of the National Command Authority (NCA).

DIR Colby is also head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), one of the groups on USIB. CIA produces reports and assessments about world developments. It is said to dabble in military intelligence, but it is well known that this is the responsibility of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the National Command Authority (NCA).

From time to time, DIR/CI Colby volunteers suggestions on the intelligence community budget. These are always given appropriate attention by the National Command Authority (NCA), as well as by another agency known as the Department of Defense (DoD).

Perhaps DIR/CI Colby's strongest point was his strong support of the concept of National Intelligence (NI). His devotion to that concept was exceeded only by that of the National Command Authority (NCA) and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

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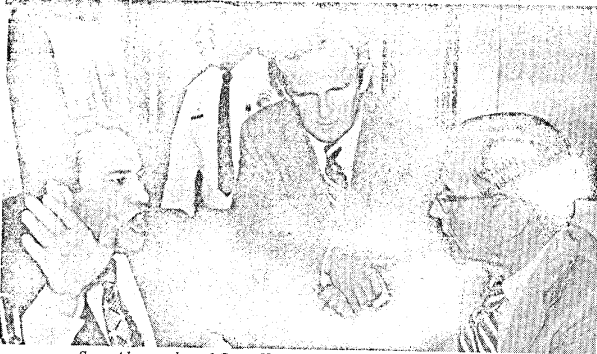
controversy. This official is Wei Yam-Kobe, who heads China's intelligence organs. It is said that he walks faster than anyone else in Peking, and that he spends the early part of the evening staring at a map and suggesting topics for his analysts.

Much of Wei's success can be attributed to his cost-cutting. For example, he has saved millions of dollars that otherwise might have been squandered on intelligence-gathering efforts against the US. He has settled for subscriptions to two newspapers, the *Congressional Record*, and *Aviation Week*.

Wei reportedly has told his associates: "The only difference between the way I do it and the way Colby did it is that Colby would have created his own newspaper."

Late Item

A reliable but untested source reports that negotiations are under way to acquire the services of a retired annuitant to write a continuing history on *American Intelligence for Intelligent Americans*. The only obstacle to the signing of a contract is annuitant Colby's insistence on an exception to the 90-percent limit on compensation.



Sen. Abourezk and Rep. Harrington make another attempt to convince Director that the CIA should intervene in Gabon

Blake Praises Elevators During Morning Meeting

The Daily today publishes the minutes of the Director's morning meeting:

The meeting opened with a report by Mr. Parmenter on the situations in the Middle East, Angola, Portugal, and Hamtramck.

Mr. Nelson announced that the two-week-old operation in Upper Volta had still not surfaced in the press, a new

record.

Dr. Proctor said that the analysis of the May Day photography was now in. He said that there was a clear shot of Brezhnev without his hat. Analysts believe he is balding, and an alert memorandum will be out shortly.

Mr. Duckett said his people had information that Octagon photos of Loch Ness showed suspicious sheds along one of the northern reaches of the Loch. His office wonders whether the Scottish tourist board is surreptitiously building a Mark-II monster.

Mr. Blake said he was pleased to report that most elevators worked yesterday during lunch hour.

Gen. Wilson reported that he would simply like to flag to the Director's attention that the latest Task Group had found 41 critical issues about which very little could be done, and papers were being prepared on them.

Mr. Carver murmured that he had been to see Jim but it wasn't very fruitful because he is no longer in office.

The Inspector General announced he had doubled the size of his staff again yesterday.

past year, we never had it so good. But my, what headaches from reading all the stuff in the Congressional Record. I would have preferred just the Daily.

S of SAVAK: "I have a report in hand from our top agent who terms the departure of Colby a carefully calculated deception operation. The agent has talked to a knowledgeable Palestinian and a reputable Syrian who agree that the operation is intended to cloak a vital new assignment, perhaps in charge of the electronic surveillance station going up in the Sinai passes."



Director Colby after receiving KGB annotated copy of the National Intelligence Daily from General Secretary Brezhnev. To Brezhnev's right is Y. Andropov

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a sham, a shadow-play, a mummery, a how do you say it, put-on. On the other hand, one has to remember that it is all too easy to get paranoid in this business."

B of BND: "We have always done our best to learn from the agency, but despite years of study, our people still have no idea what to make of this change in directors. Will Colby be your next Ambassador to Iraq?"

K of KGB: "We are, of course, disheartened by the whole affair. During the

The General Counsel, Mr. Warner, said that it had been a rather dull day but he did want to mention in passing that the Director had been sued for \$19 billion.

Mr. Cary reported that members of six committees wanted to visit Australia. He asked also if anyone could identify for him a certain Representative Nedzi, who had placed a call to him.

The Deputy Director said that he was glad to be back in the US again. He asked that the minutes not reflect several messages from a King, two Prime Ministers, and a well-informed Lisbon taxi driver with whom he had recently met. He said that he had an interesting story about a cannibal girl and an American with a machine gun which he would tell the members privately later. He got off a remark in French followed by one in a language which appeared to be Russian because Gen. Wilson giggled when the remark was made.

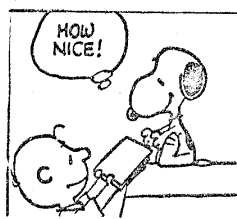
The meeting closed with the suggestion that tomorrow's 9 a.m. meeting might take place at 9 a.m. or at 5:30 p.m. or it was possible that the 9 a.m. meeting would take place both at 9 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m.

Daily's Creation Stirs Reaction from Nation's Top Policy Makers

THE PRESIDENT



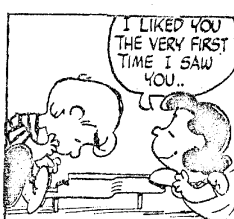
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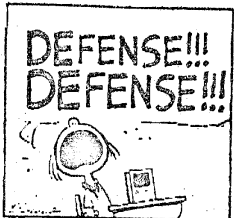
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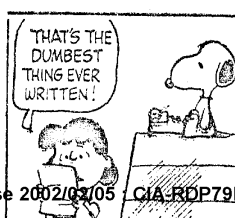
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This is a copy of a "NID"
that was presented to Mr.
Colly at the going away party
given for him and attended by
senior officials.

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